

United States that serves that national interest, by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 70.

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Rejected the Edwards motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 69.

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Agreed to:

Jackson Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–420) that establishes a new objective of the research which would ensure that the research conducted is consistent with established and widely accepted scientific methods applicable to the field of study of exploration;

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Jackson Lee amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–420) that establishes a new objective of the research that would ensure that the research conducted is consistent with the definition of basic research as it applies to the purpose and field of study;

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DelBene amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–420) that clarifies that language in the bill allowing research to be funded for the development of an American STEM workforce also includes computer science and information technology sectors; and

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DelBene amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–420) that clarifies that the bill does not impact grant funding that has already been awarded by the National Science Foundation.

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Rejected:

Eddie Bernice Johnson (TX) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–420) that sought to replace subsection 2(b), “Determination”, to ensure that such determination is consistent with the mission of the agency and with the existing merit-review criteria (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 235 noes, Roll No. 68).

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H. Res. 609, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3442) and (H.R. 3293) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 178 noes, Roll No. 66, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 65.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:13 p.m. and reconvened at 4:45 p.m.

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Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 111, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of

the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

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United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 907, to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

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Judicial Redress Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1428, to extend Privacy Act remedies to citizens of certified states.

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Senate Messages: Message from the Senate and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H662.

Senate Referral: S. 2109 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H675–76, H676, H677, H690–91, H692, and H693. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW OF THE 2016 AGENDA FOR THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing to review the 2016 Agenda for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from Timothy Massad, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a budget hearing on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Testimony was heard from Stephen Burns, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Kristine Svinicki, Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; William Ostendorff, Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and Jeff Baran, Commissioner, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS—COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from Timothy Massad, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

UNDERSTANDING AND DETERRING RUSSIA: U.S. POLICIES AND STRATEGIES

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Understanding and Deterring Russia: U.S. Policies and Strategies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE ARMY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Recommendations from the National Commission on the Future of the Army”. Testimony was heard from General Carter Ham, USA (Retired), Chairman, National Commission on the Future of the Army; and Robert F. Hale, Commissioner, National Commission on the Future of the Army.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE COUNTERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION POLICY AND PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities held a hearing entitled “Department of Defense (DoD) Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) Policy and Programs for Fiscal Year 2017”. Testimony was heard from Arthur T. Hopkins, performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs; Kenneth A. Myers, Director, Defense Threat Reduction Agency and U.S. Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (SCC–MD); and Wendin D. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction.

NEXT STEPS FOR K–12 EDUCATION: IMPLEMENTING THE PROMISE TO RESTORE STATE AND LOCAL CONTROL

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Next Steps for K–12 Education: Implementing the Promise to Restore State and Local Control”. Testimony was heard from Joy Hofmeister, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Oklahoma State Department of Education, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Paul ‘Vic’

Wilson, Superintendent, Hartselle City Schools, Hartselle, Alabama; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING MEDICAID AND CHIP’S FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Medicaid and CHIP’s Federal Medical Assistance”. Testimony was heard from John Hagg, Director of Medicaid Audits, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Alison Mitchell, Health Care Financing Analyst, Congressional Research Service; Anne Schwartz, Executive Director, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission; and Carolyn Yocom, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office.

INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVES ON THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Industry Perspectives on the Consumer Product Safety Commission”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology began a markup on H.R. 2666, the “No Rate Regulation of Broadband Internet Access Act”; H.R. 1301, the “Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015”; and the “Small Business Broadband Deployment Act”.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power began a markup on H.R. 3021, the “AIR Survey Act of 2015”; H.R. 3797, the “Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment (SENSE) Act”; the “Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns (BRICK) Act”; H.R. 4444, the “EPS Improvement Act”; H.R. 2984, the “Fair RATES Act”; H.R. 4427, to amend section 203 of the Federal Power Act; H.R. 4238, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act and the Local Public Works Capital Development and Investment Act of 1976 to modernize terms relating to minorities; H.R. 2080, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving Clark Canyon Dam; H.R. 2081, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Gibson Dam; H.R. 3447, to extend the

deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; H.R. 4416, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project; and H.R. 4434, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”. Testimony was heard from Janet Yellen, Chair, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

FROM IRAQ AND SYRIA TO LIBYA AND BEYOND: THE EVOLVING ISIL THREAT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “From Iraq and Syria to Libya and Beyond: The Evolving ISIL Threat”. Testimony was heard from Brett McGurk, Special Presidential Envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIL, Department of State.

THE GLOBAL ZIKA EPIDEMIC

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, held a joint hearing entitled “The Global Zika Epidemic”. Testimony was heard from Tom Frieden, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and Ariel Pablos-Mendez, M.D., Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development.

AFTER SAN BERNARDINO: THE FUTURE OF ISIS-INSPIRED ATTACKS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “After San Bernardino: The Future of ISIS-inspired Attacks”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT: BREAKING THE NEW VISA WAIVER LAW TO APPEASE IRAN

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “National Security and Law Enforcement: Breaking the New Visa Waiver Law to Appease Iran”. Testimony was heard from R. Gil Kerlikowske, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and

Hillary Batjer Johnson, Deputy Coordinator, Homeland Security, Screening, and Designations, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State.

THE COSTLY IMPACTS OF PREDATION AND CONFLICTING FEDERAL STATUTES ON NATIVE AND ENDANGERED FISH SPECIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing entitled “The Costly Impacts of Predation and Conflicting Federal Statutes on Native and Endangered Fish Species”. Testimony was heard from Will Stelle, Regional Administrator, West Coast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service; and public witnesses.

THE PRESIDENT’S WAIVER OF RESTRICTIONS ON THE VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security; and Subcommittee on Government Operations, held a joint hearing entitled “The President’s Waiver of Restrictions on the Visa Waiver Program”. Testimony was heard from R. Gil Kerlikowske, Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Hilary Batjer Johnson, Deputy Coordinator for Homeland Security, Screening, and Designations, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State; and public witnesses.

COMMON SENSE NUTRITION DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2017, the “Common Sense Nutrition Disclosure Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule for H.R. 2017. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent

and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 2, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from February 15, 2016, through February 22, 2016: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 3, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 2. Finally, in section 4, the rule provides that the Committee on the Judiciary may, at any time before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, file a report to accompany H.R. 3624. Testimony was heard from Representatives McMorris Rodgers and Pallone.

MIDNIGHT REGULATIONS: EXAMINING EXECUTIVE BRANCH OVERREACH

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Midnight Regulations: Examining Executive Branch Overreach”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXPORT CONTROL REFORM: CHALLENGES FOR SMALL BUSINESS? PART I

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Export Control Reform: Challenges for Small Business? (Part I)”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE OFFICE OF ADVOCACY AND THE OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL OMBUDSMAN AT THE SBA

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Office of Advocacy and the Office of the National Ombudsman at the SBA”. Testimony was heard from Darryl L. DePriest, Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration; and Rear Admiral Earl L. Gay, USN (Retired), Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman, Small Business Administration.

REVIEW OF ATC REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Review of ATC Reform Proposals”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2017”. Testimony was heard from Robert A. McDonald, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

A REVIEW OF VA'S LOAN GUARANTY AND SPECIALLY ADAPTIVE HOUSING GRANT PROGRAMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “A Review of VA's Loan Guaranty and Specially Adaptive Housing Grant Programs (SAH)”. Testimony was heard from Mike Frueh, Director, Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Sylvia Burwell, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D79)

H.R. 515, to protect children and others from sexual abuse and exploitation, including sex trafficking and sex tourism, by providing advance notice of intended travel by registered sex offenders outside the United States to the government of the country of destination, requesting foreign governments to notify the United States when a known sex offender is seeking to enter the United States. Signed on February 8, 2016. (Public Law 114–119)

H.R. 4188, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. Signed on February 8, 2016. (Public Law 114–120)

S. 2152, to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth. Signed on February 8, 2016. (Public Law 114–121)